

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 23-30 have been examined.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

I. Drawing Objections

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner asserts that “an inspection apparatus head unit moving device” of claim 10, and its details, must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments being made herein. Specifically, “an inspection apparatus” has been changed to “a magnetic tape drive” as suggested by the Examiner.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments being made herein. Specifically, “an inspection apparatus” has been changed to “a magnetic tape drive” as suggested by the Examiner. Furthermore, claim 10 has been written in independent form to place the claim in a condition for immediate allowance.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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III. Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for determining that claims 1-9, 11-17 and 23-30 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form along with the self-explanatory claim amendments being made herein.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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